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**From:** Leya Charles [Leya.Charles@piic.org]  
**Sent:** 4/14/2022 3:41:02 PM  
**To:** Proto, Paul [proto.paul@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Harmon, Darrel [Harmon.Darrel@epa.gov]; Nicci Lehto [Nicci.Lehto@piic.org]; Gabriel.miller@piic.org  
**Subject:** RE: Tribal Consultation Invitation – Minnesota 2022 303(d) List  
**Attachments:** EPA Tribal Comment\_PIIC Letter 04-13-2022.pdf; ATT00001.txt

Paul,

Please accept the attached letter signed by Tribal Council and supporting packet of data as Tribal consultation comments on the 303(d) list. Thanks for your sentiments.

Anpetu Wašte Yuhapi (have a good day),

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**From:** Proto, Paul <proto.paul@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022 12:50 PM  
**To:** Leya Charles <Leya.Charles@piic.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Tribal Consultation Invitation – Minnesota 2022 303(d) List

Hi Leya,

I am sorry to hear of the loss in the Prairie Island Indian Community.

Yes, EPA will consider a letter in our review of tribal comments expressed related to the Minnesota 2020 303(d) List.

Have a nice afternoon and again, I am sorry to hear of the sad news from the Prairie Island Indian Community.

Paul

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**From:** Leya Charles <[Leya.Charles@piic.org](mailto:Leya.Charles@piic.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022 12:01 PM

**To:** Proto, Paul <[proto.paul@epa.gov](mailto:proto.paul@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Tribal Consultation Invitation – Minnesota 2022 303(d) List

Paul,

Tribal Council is dealing with a loss in the community of an elder passing away. In lieu of accepting the consultation call we will be sending a formal letter we expect you to handle with appropriate consideration as our consultation on the matter.

Anpetu Wašte Yuhapi (have a good day),

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**From:** Proto, Paul <[proto.paul@epa.gov](mailto:proto.paul@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 12:04 PM

**To:** Johnny Johnson <[Johnny.Johnson@piic.org](mailto:Johnny.Johnson@piic.org)>; Leya Charles <[Leya.Charles@piic.org](mailto:Leya.Charles@piic.org)>

**Subject:** Tribal Consultation Invitation – Minnesota 2022 303(d) List

Hello President Johnson & Ms. Charles,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is initiating consultation with federally-recognized Indian Tribes in Region 5 regarding EPA's review and decision on Minnesota's 2022 303(d) list.

Attached is the electronic Tribal Consultation invitation letter. This tribal consultation discussion offers Region 5 tribes the opportunity to provide their comments to EPA on the Minnesota 2022 303(d) list.

The timeline for conducting the tribal consultation is on an accelerated track as EPA has 30 days to take a final action on Minnesota's 2022 303(d) list. Because of the very short time frame available to EPA we have set aside **12:00 PM to 2:00 PM CT on Monday April 18, 2022** for a consultation call, to use if interest is expressed in consulting in this manner.

Please contact Paul Proto, EPA staff, by phone (312-353-8657) or via email ([proto.paul@epa.gov](mailto:proto.paul@epa.gov)) by **Wednesday April 13, 2022**, to indicate if you would or would not like to consult on the Minnesota 2022 303(d) list.

If you are interested in participating in this consultation call, I will email the tribal consultation representative the conference call-in information for the April 18, 2022 consultation call starting at 12:00 PM CT.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Paul

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